

The Second Sunday Of Lent

March 16, 2025

Mass Intentions

March	17	8:00 AM	NO MASS
March	18	8:00 AM	John & Giovanna Zimmerman requested by Mary Zimmerman
March	19	8:00 AM	Maria Caddy
March	20	8:00 AM	I/O Magdalene Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
March	21	8:00 AM	Anthony Guarducci requested by Sue Guarducci
March	22	5:00 PM	Richard Zettlemyer requested by Mike & Robin Chiccini
March	23	8:00 AM	William Sheaffer requested by Julia Sheaffer
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries March 22-23

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Mary Zimmerman	Austin Hoffman
8:00 AM	Jory Harlan	Scott Sheaffer	Julia & Anna Sheaffer Christopher Harlan
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Nancy Stanton	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

March 16	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger
March 23	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15	1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12	Luke 13:1-9
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,539.59
The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,691.00

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 16th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, March 17th

No Mass

Parish Lenten Penance Service, 7:00PM

Tuesday, March 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, March 19th

Masses, 8:00AM

Thursday, March 20th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, March 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

Saturday, March 22nd

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, March 23rd

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

From the Pastor's Desk:

As humans, we are often burdened with heavy crosses. Experiences of loss, lack, failure, and betrayal can riddle our existence, leaving us



fatigued and with a weary question in our hearts: What is this all for? And then, we look up. We raise our gaze and see before us the transfigured face of Christ. Having taken on our human form, Jesus stands before us in

radiant glory. As we take in the scene, our senses mingling somewhere between admiration and alarm, we remember the promise he made to us. The promise that we, too, will be made new. The promise that our bodies will also be redeemed, and our burdens will be relieved. And as we remember, we respond, like the disciples, "It is

good that we are here." The life of discipleship, at times, can seem to require more than it rewards. But in these moments of intimate encounter, when we see glimpses of Jesus' beautiful face, he reminds us why we are here on this mountain: to love, to serve, and eventually to reap our eternal reward.

We see why we are here on the mountain, but today's readings also reveal a weighty reality: before we are transformed, we must climb that mountain. The whole story of Jesus' life is this: before a promise is fulfilled, sacrifice is offered. Our human existence, without the mercy and mission given us by Christ, is empty. But taking up the cross of Christ and following him toward glory, we find our purpose. Earth is our pilgrimage, and our journey will most certainly be punctuated by peaks and valleys. But today, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Philippians that we won't be carrying around these crosses forever. Though strapped with suffering for a time, we know our eternal destination: "Our citizenship is in heaven."

Lent is inherently a season of waiting for the fulfillment of a promise. In our own lives, we may be aching for transformation, perhaps for ourselves, or for another. Remember: God enters deeply into our lives, dwelling so intimately with us that he syncs his every breath with ours. Take the next week to think and pray about how the Lord may be asking you to be transformed. Pray today's Psalm each day, and "Wait for the Lord with courage."

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Dennis Haag, Louise Kline, Frances Kute, Nancy Zelenky, Tom Polcha, Joe Rich, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website (www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com.

The Fran Hannon Educational Grant is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any high school senior graduating in the spring of 2025 that plan to continue their education. The grant is \$500. To apply you must be a practicing member of the parish, and must submit an essay of 500 words or less on the theme **“What My Catholic Faith Means to Me.”** The application deadline is March 30th and they are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Lenten Stations of the Cross: Come and walk the way of the Cross with Jesus during Lent. Stations begin at 7:00 PM in the church and are followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. These beautiful Lenten devotions can help us spiritually prepare to celebrate the Easter Mysteries by meditating on the passion and death of Christ and the Paschal Mystery of His life, death, and resurrection. Confession precedes the Stations.



Lenten Confessions will be heard daily, Tuesday through Friday, from 7:15 – 7:50AM. Confessions on Saturday begin at 4:00PM to 4:45PM. Sunday morning confessions are available from 7:00AM to 7:40AM and from 9:45 to 10:10AM.

Lenten Parish Penance Service: Our Parish Penance Service will be celebrated for the season of Lent on Monday evening, March 17th at 7:00PM in the Church. Additional priests will be available to help with confessions. Please plan to attend with your family to spiritually prepare for Easter.



Diocesan Annual Campaign: Through the Diocesan Annual Campaign, your compassion and charity will be assisting individuals and families who seek shelter and guidance at the Interfaith Shelter

for Homeless Families. You will be helping mothers with children recover from dependency on drugs and alcohol at Evergreen House. Your gifts will enable the Diocesan-wide Counseling Services to offer professional counseling to



those who need such services. You will be supporting Specialized Foster Care and Adoption Services in their efforts to find homes for children, and you will bring the Word of Christ to young people through Youth and Campus Ministries. These and so many other ministries are directly supported by your Lenten charity. **Our parish goal this year is \$30,800.00.** You can make your pledge in-pew on March 15/16 or in the narthex on March 21/22. As Jesus humbly served the needs of God’s people and performed the menial work of a simple slave in washing the Apostle’s feet at the Last Supper, so we should follow His example and find ways to serve the “least ones” of the Lord.

The Art of Pysanky – Ukrainian Easter Eggs: Faith Zarichansky will present an adult workshop on the **“Art of Pysanky,”** traditional Ukrainian



Easter Eggs made during Lent. Come learn the history, the legends, and the spiritual meaning of these beautiful eggs. You can also create your own pysanka. All supplies will be provided, and the cost is \$30 for ages 15 and older. Class size is limited to 12

individuals and will be conducted on Saturday, March 29 from 9:00AM to Noon. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the bulletin board.

Were you married in 1975? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 2:00PM at Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill. Bishop Timothy Senior will be the celebrant and homilist. To attend the Mass, please contact the Saint Bernard Parish office.

Have mercy on us, O Lord!!